

House Bill 2779

Sponsored by Representative SMITH G (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act says that members of the Legislative Assembly may not serve on juries. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7).

Provides that members of the Legislative Assembly may not serve on juries.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to juries; amending ORS 10.030.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 10.030 is amended to read:

5 10.030. (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, the opportunity for jury service
6 may not be denied or limited on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity,
7 national origin, age, income, occupation or any other factor that discriminates against a cognizable
8 group in this state.

9 (2) Any person is eligible to act as a juror in a civil trial unless the person:

10 (a) Is not a citizen of the United States;

11 (b) Does not live in the county in which summoned for jury service;

12 (c) Is less than 18 years of age; *or*

13 (d) Has had rights and privileges withdrawn and not restored under ORS 137.281; **or**

14 **(e) Is a current member of the Legislative Assembly.**

15 (3)(a) Any person is eligible to act as a grand juror, or as a juror in a criminal trial, unless the
16 person:

17 (A) Is not a citizen of the United States;

18 (B) Does not live in the county in which summoned for jury service;

19 (C) Is less than 18 years of age;

20 (D) Has had rights and privileges withdrawn and not restored under ORS 137.281;

21 (E) Has been convicted of a felony or served a felony sentence within the 15 years immediately
22 preceding the date the person is required to report for jury service; *or*

23 (F) Has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving violence or dishonesty, or has served a
24 misdemeanor sentence based on a misdemeanor involving violence or dishonesty, within the five
25 years immediately preceding the date the person is required to report for jury service; **or**

26 **(G) Is a current member of the Legislative Assembly.**

27 (b) As used in this subsection:

28 (A) "Felony sentence" includes any incarceration, post-prison supervision, parole or probation
29 imposed upon conviction of a felony or served as a result of conviction of a felony.

30 (B) "Has been convicted of a felony" has the meaning given that term in ORS 166.270.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (C) "Misdemeanor sentence" includes any incarceration or probation imposed upon conviction
2 of a misdemeanor or served as a result of conviction of a misdemeanor.

3 (4) A person who is blind, hard of hearing or speech impaired or who has a physical disability
4 is not ineligible to act as a juror and may not be excluded from a jury list or jury service on the
5 basis of blindness, hearing or speech impairment or physical disability alone.

6 (5) A person is ineligible to act as a juror in any circuit court of this state within 24 months
7 after being discharged from jury service in a federal court in this state or circuit court of this state
8 unless that person's service as a juror is required because of a need for additional jurors.

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